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Q Are all the kids out there

MR. NESSEN: As far as I know,

Just to give you a little background on the kind of work the President has been doing before he goes to Vail, yesterday he came to the Oval Office at 10:30 and had a meeting with Dr. Kissinger for an hour.

Q Why weren't we told that?

MR. NESSEN: It was not scheduled before the weekend. He then went over to the Residence a little before noon and had lunch.

At 1:45 he came back to the Oval Office and met with George Bush for about 20 minutes.

At about 2:15 the President went to the Cabinet Room to have another meeting on the budget. That meeting lasted from approximately 2:15 to 5:25, three hours and ten minutes.

The President met, following that, in the Oval Office with Dick Cheney for about a half hour and then went over to the Residence at about 7:20.

Just to give you a compilation of the past week, beginning a week ago today and up through yesterday evening, the President spent 77 hours and 5 minutes in the office, 14 hours of which he worked on the budget, seven hours and 50 minutes of which he worked on domestic proposals and the State of the Union.

Q Is this justifying the trip to Vail?

MR. NESSEN: No, it isn't. It is not justifying the trip to Vail. It is an effort to show you what the President has been doing on the budget and the other matters.

Q When does this period start, the 77 hour and 5 minute period?

MR. NESSEN: A week ago today, last Monday.

Q What was the seven hours on?